

Weare Heritage Commission
FINAL MINUTES
September 22, 2010

In attendance: Chairperson George Malette, Secretary Meg Malette, and Tanya Krajcik.

Absent: Jim Donison

A motion was made by Tanya and seconded by George to approve the August minutes. All were in favor.

We should work on community outreach. Let everyone know that we exist and that we're on your side.

Do need regulatory authority to be a CLG. We need to become a regulatory authority. We need to state that we are a decision making authority. This means that we should probably meet with the two historic overlays to let them know that we are a regulatory authority.

Have a neighborly gathering, including land owners, to get to know what they want to see for their community. How can we help you? Make a list of their ideas. Right now the zoning board oversees any changes to their homes. Zoning board is not versed on historic details. They are not required by law to be responsible. Clinton Grove will decide what they want for their neighborhood. The heritage commission will regulate their neighborhood, based on the historic district guidelines, which were originally created by the owners.

With regard to meeting with owners in Clinton Grove, have the meeting at Clinton Grove.

George will ask Judy for a map of Clinton Grove historic overlay. Is Clinton Grove Academy in the historic district overlay?

A meeting with John Flanders will be scheduled. George will contact John to find out if he can attend a heritage commission meeting in two months.

If Clinton Grove Historic District Overlay comes onboard with the Historic District Commission, then the voters would be more apt to support the heritage commission to become a historic district commission, a regulatory body.

In order to establish more of a presence in town, perhaps George could give a lecture on wet basements in early spring at the Town Hall.

The 250th anniversary committee is asking each town committee/commission to get involved.

Survey and mapping of cellar holes can be presented by Tanya. Do a cemetery tour at cemeteries and prepare a PowerPoint presentation.

Meet with other heritage commissions to find out what they're up to. Hooksett and Goffstown are good towns with which to meet.

Fun public events suggested by Linda Frole of Belmont Heritage Commission can be contacted for ideas. Tanya will be contacting Linda Frole prior to the October meeting.

Amherst has strict guidelines, whereas Goffstown's is more flexible.

It's important that we make the process of getting approval to make changes to homes in historic districts as transparent as possible.

Tanya said that she will bring a copy of the law, which states that the zoning board does not have regulatory authority over historic districts.

We need a track record, which we don't have. We, as a heritage commission, need to demonstrate that we are active, example, dealing with a demolition delay.

At the next meeting, we'll brainstorm what types of outreach we can do.

Tanya will be bringing a video, developed by Nadine Peterson, on heritage commissions. We will watch this at the October meeting.

Using maps is always a good tool to engage people. We can use a map to ask people what historic areas are important to them? Have them mark those properties on the map. You can also ask residences to bring old and new photos of their homes, which we can digitalize for them for prosperity.

State register plaque for the Clinton Grove Academy does not exist. We can fund raise to have a plaque for the academy.

A motion made by George Malette to adopt the new Heritage Commission By-Laws, seconded by Tanya. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Malette

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Secretary